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REGISTRATION OF WORKERS UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States/UTs wherein the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers are being registered under Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Act, 1996;

(b) whether the State Governments contribute one per cent cess of the workers working under MGNREGS in these States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) : Ministry of Labour and Employment under Section 12
(i) of the Building & Other Construction Works (RECS) Act, 1996 notified that Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) workers who worked under MGNREGS works under the category of 'Building and Construction Work' for 50 days in a year will be registered under the Building & Other Construction Works (RECS) Act. Based on this, Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir started enrolling workers under BOCW Act.

(b) to (d): State Governments have not contributed one percent cess. It has been clarified to Ministry of Labour and Employment that considering that most of MGNREGA works pertain to development of land and water conservation, it may not be appropriate to treat them as construction workers under BOCW Act.